STRIKE LEADERS DEFIANT AND INTERBORO CHIEFS FEAR RECEIVERSHIP

Friday, Connolly and his committee olted out of the meeting, complain ing that they had been insuited.

Connolly, a little, spike haired, wiry man, protesting with great fervor that he couldn't hold the men back repeated again and again the ultimatum of more pay or "we stop the lines at 4 o'clock Sunday morning." He had all sorts of clashes with the Mayor and others, but stood his stubbornly. Finally the Mayor, speaking to Frank Hedley, vice-president and general manager of the Interborough, said: "I'm satisfied, Mr. Hedley, that these men are really representing the Interborough federation of Labor was generally believed to have died a natural death. really representing the Interborough and that you want them to go out so that you can-"

Connolly and his committee had just returned to the room after rejecting a request from Mr. Hedley that another meeting of the employees be held which Mr. Hedley, the Mayor and others should address. As he caught the Mayor's words the brotherhood leader squared around and shouted:

Preparations were also being made last night to meet a threatened strike on the lines of the New York and Queens County Railway Company, which is a subsidiary of the Interborough. According to the brotherhood leaders their strike call would cause virtually all the Interborough employees is quit work. It would affect, they say, the

"Then, Mr. Mayor, I am a liar, and I'll tie up every line at 4 o'clock tonorrow morning. And, Mr. Hedley if you attempt to send out any of your circulars to my men you will be interfering with my rights and we will stop the lines right then."

The other members of Connolly's trains would be taken to the terminal committee were tugging at his coat-The other members of Connolly's tails and saying, "Let's go." The talls and saying, "Let's go." The would be "spiked" and signals set for leader turned, waved his hand at the danger. array of officials at the Board of Esimate table and at General Manage Hedley standing silent at the rail and spoke his valedictory, which was, Good-by and God bless you." and his men bumped out of the room and the rest of the conference went on without them.

The basis on which the city, in pperation with the Interborough. bught an injunction to avert a strike, effects of which could not be exaggerated, is an alleged violation by the brotherhood of its own agreeent with the Interborough. It dereloped at yesterday's meeting that months ago the employees had ricken from their constitution a clause requiring the submission of all disputed matters, including wage matters, to arbitration. Under the terms of the same constitution no fause could be changed without nothe having been served on the company, which in this case was not done

Men's Attitude a Pusule.

How the members of the brother**bood** would accept the injunction would not be foretold late last night. Apparently they were acting without egal advice and had not given a per of the committeemen as they ft City Hall was for a strike willy ready had been ordered, but it did not appear that there had been a within the last few days and to his un of the requirements of the Brotherbood's fundamental law. If they dis-regarded the court order they would of course be in contempt of court. Brotherhood, that many of the men on the line do not want to strike. Some There was a question at midnight one size told him, he said, that brother-whether any of the heads of the Brotherhood could be reached in time there is no broken to attend the brotherhood could be reached in time.

protection. Enright ordered the whole force to hold itself in readiness for strike emergency. All vacations and leaves were suspended indefinitely.

The District Attorney, After reading his prepared statement way of the protection of the protection of the protection. After reading his prepared statement way of the protection. After reading his prepared statement way of the protection. After reading his prepared statement way of the protection and the protection of the prepared statement way of the protection of the prepared statement way of the protection of the prepared statement way of the protection of the protect

bers of the brotherhood and 100 per cent advance or we strike ultimathat 95 per cent, of the motormen were per cent, of the switchmen and coup-lers. He said, knowing the brother-hood as he did, that no human in-genuity could operate the lines if the cent, of the switchmen and coupstrike took place.

At the request of the Mayor he sent At the request of the Mayor he sent to all employees hast night a request that they stay at work until a meeting can be arranged in which the whole situation can be discussed by them and elty and company representatives. The Mayor has a theory that Mr. Hedley could stop the strike if he wanted to—a theory that led to an exchange of sharp words in the conference yesterday after-noop. It now remains to be seen if the

moop. It now remains to be seen if the Mayor is right.

Thus far the men who operate the two big power houses of the Interbor-ough, in East Seventy-fourth and West Pifty-ninth streets, are not affected. They have their own independent brothd. If they struck the green cars of the New York Street Railways sys-tem would be put out of business, as they get their power from the Interbor-ough stations.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Com-

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Com-pany's subway in Manhattan, now operated as far north as Seventh avieue and Fifty-seventh street, is operated by electricity supplied by the Inter-Lorough. Anticipating that the Interborough power men might strike and thus close the only remaining subway line in Manhattan, except the Hudson tubes, the R. R. T. was trying last night be arrange for a connection with the Fdison feed cables, or possibly to instal a special feed cable over the Williams-burg Bridge and run the B. R. T. trains from the Brooklyn power plant.

Emergency Bus Lines Planned.

If the wheels are stopped underground and overhead by a strike some solace for the public may be found in emergency bus routes which will be opened. The city is planning to operate at least 700 vehicles, and efforts are being made to set a lot more from the army made.

and the New York City Railways work

District Attorney Swann announced that he would continue his investiga-tions into charges made by the Mayor that Interborough officials had conspired

with employees to promote a strike in order to force an increase of fares.

The striking brotherhood, heretofore existing under the wing of the Interborough, formally severed connections with the company last night. The offices on Forty-second street provided by the on Forty-second street provided by the company for the men were abandoned after the strike had been called and temporary headquarters were estab-lished at the New Star Casino, 107th street and Park avenue. The officers called a meeting of the men at that point for 7 o'clock this morning. With the action of the Brotherhood

lieved to have died a natural death. It was intimated by car men, how-ever, that should the officials succeed in tying up the Brotherhood by court order there would be an immediate flop to the

outside organization, but such contin-gency was not thought likely. Preparations were also being made

entire transportation department, is cluding guards, conductors, motorme-station agents, platform men, special o cers, awitchmen and tower men, and erators, esculator operators, plumbers carpenters, painters, porters and cleaners.
Under the Federal law all stations would have to be lighted at night. All

Big Crowd at City Hall Parley.

The tempestuous conference at City Rail began in the Mayor's reception room, but drew such a crowd that it was transferred to the Board of Esti-The representatives of the

interested parties" were: For the City—Mayor Hylan, Robert Moran. President of the Board of Aldermen: Louis Hahlo, Deputy Comp-troller, representing Comptroller Craig; Michael F. Loughman, Commissioner of Public Works for Manhattan, represent Borough President Dowling; Guider, Commissioner of Works for Brooklyn, representing Borough President Riegelmann; Borough Presidents Connolly of Queens, Bruck-ner of The Bronx and Van Name of Richmond; Corporation Counsel Burr, Public Service Commissioners Nixon and Delaney, District Attorney Swann and Commissioner Enright.

For the Interborough—General Man-ager Hedley, James L. Quackenbush, this counsel, and De Lancey Nicoll. For the Brotherhood of Interborough Employees—A committee headed by Pat-rick J. Connelly, vice-president and acting president of the brotherhood.
Victor Watson, city editor of Mr.
Hearst's New York American, stood near

and diagonally back of the Mayor and frequently spoke to him when the fireworks was not too Aazzling.

At the beginning of the City Hall meeting Mayor Hylan read a statement

al advice and had not given a criminal consultacy to force the city to night to such a possibility. The grant a higher fare. grant a higher fare.

He referred to the various litters which have passed between officials of the line, Joh E. Hedges, receiver of the New York Railways Company, represen-

neral referendum, which is also one satisfactory parley with the men on Fri day afternoon

to serve the legal papers before 4

A. M.

The last thing Mayor Hylan did at the conference yesterday was to direct Police Commissioner Enright to give the Interborough every possible police force to hold itself in readings for After reading his prepared statement.

That the tieup will be the worst ever tion since Friday, when the brotherhood If the strike call is heeded is obvious.

Mr. Hedley told the Board of Estimate officers, walked out saying they had been insulted after laying down the 50

"Absolutely none," said Connolly

"Who issued the order?" This from District Attorney Swann.
"I did," Connolly told him. last night.

How Connolly Forced the Issue.

sino. I told them the altuation and efforts I had made to bring about unity and how it was all an absolute failure. I told them they had been on starvation wages for three years, and at the end I asked them to stand up and give me a vote of confidence and every man stood went on.

The Mayor then sprung on the brotherhood spokesman the rule book of the organization, reading the article which said that if the company and the employees were unable to agree on any question it was the plain duty of the brotherhood to submit the matter to arbitration. There were to be three arbitres, one chosen by the company, one by the brotherhood and the third by a Supreme Court Justice.

Then, on a new tack, the Mayor asked the union spokesman if he had submitted to the brotherhood the Mayor's request that action be deferred until Tuesday so that a meeting of employees

Tuesday so that a meeting of employees could be arranged which the Mayor and others would address.

"Yes, I did." flared Connolly. "and

Give a Thought To Your Home

Think of the innumerable germs that lurk unseen in your home. cetty is planning to operate at least 700 vehicles, and efforts are being made to get a lot more from the army motor forries at Governors Island.

Employees of the New York Railways Company, who have an organization similar to the Interborough brotherhood, made it known yesterday that they are contemplating similar demands to those made by the subway and elevated workers. Their lines may also stop running within a few days.

Employees of the Union Railways were reported last night to be in favor of launching a strike of their own, thinking the present a most favorable time for such a move. Action by these monand the New York City Railways work and the New York City Railways work.

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500 Fifth Ave. (Cor. 42d St.), N. Y. Phones: 2716, 2717, 2718 Vanderbilt.

This made the Mayor blink, but after pause he proceeded smoothly:
"You will submit to arbitration?" "We have absolutely nothing to arbi-trate," Connolly retorted,
"Are you willing to submit the ques-tion to arbitration in accordance with your own by-laws" the Mayor per-

Connolly again said there was nothing to arbitrate. Mr. Moran pointed out

a front seat behind the spokesman, "that's been amanded, too."

Arbitration Put on the Bad List.

This was news to the Interborough ople as well as to the city conferees ne Mayor wanted to know just how and when the amendment was voted and peppered Connolly with a shower of questions, Connolly said all reference to arbitration had been stricken out of the constitution; he didn't recall the exact date, but it was about two months

"Has any one here got a copy of the amended constitution" the Mayor Inquired. Nobody had. Connolly's explanation of the elimination of the arbi-

tration provision was "that we want a living American wage."
The Mayor's suspicion that the members of the brotherhood committee had devoted all their time recently to agitating for an increase in fares and a threat torman and got the answer. "Last Mon asked the brotherhood to submit the wage question to arbitration and that at per cent. advance in September, 1918, but nothing since. Referring to another clause in the con-

stitution, Mr. Moran asked: couldn't amend the constitution without submitting the matter to the company, could you? That's not legal, is it?"
"You can claim it that way if you want to," said Connolly.

The man's earnest deflance had the inquisitors stummed for while

quisitors stumped for a while. Eventu-ally the Mayor found his voice again and wanted to know if Connolly would ot call a meeting and give the Board of

"Absolutely no chance."

city officials turned us down."

The Mayor replied with some heat that committee had come to him, but mem-ers of it told him that what they were after was to have the city raise the rapid transit fares. Connoily insisted that was not the purpose of the visit. Borough Presidents Connoily and Bruckner denied that any committee had tried to see them. Mr. Hablo said the com-mittee called on Comptroller Craig and Borough President Connolly told the

brotherhood spokesman that a strike would violate the working agreement of the company and its men. The brother-hood man replied that the cost of living was so high that they had a right to

break the agreement.

District Attorney Swann put in his car. He said he personally agreed with the men that their salary was inadequate, but asked if they thought it fair to stop the subway and elevated trains out giving due notice to the city "No," answered Brotherhood Connolly,
"I do not think it is fair." Members of
his committee grunted, but their candid

meeting so he can see if he can't do something for you."
"No, sir," said Connelly stoutly, un-

impressed by this effort at conciliation.
"It's the eleventh hour. They would not give us an interview in September,

plained that the committee had been so badly treated by the Mayor in Friday's conference that they had to walk out "All we wanted was courtesy," he said, "but instead of that they put Connelly on trial. I'm glad to say he stood up well. Connolly's a good old man. He sticks. He ain't a college man at that." "He certainly sticks," assented a member of the Board of Estimate, who

with others had to chuckle frequently despite the gravity of the issue and the "That means there will be a strike order?" asked Mr. Moran.
"Yes, sir: at 4 o'clock Sunday morn-Connolly asked what the Mayor could have done on Friday.

"He could have given us a civil in-terview," said Fox. "Instead he goes and tells the newspapers about a con-epiracy and calls us a lot of thieves, or as much as that."

the record of Friday's conference to prove it—the part wherein he asked the conmittee to hold off a little so that he could have time to look into the controversy.

"You were not insulted," the Mayor his mind, allowed that he couldn't call went on. "Now tell us nightly what the a meeting without authority from the mind.

command.

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"I certainly did."
"And he didn't discharge you?"
"He certainly did not."

Treated Fairly by Hedley.

"You feel that Mr. Hedley has always "Yes. His word is good enough for me. He told us on Friday that the financial condition of the Interborough would not stand for an increase in our

"Then why do you strike against the Interborough, which has treated you fairly?" asked Mr. Moran,

"We are striking for more money against the party concerned," replied Connolly, measuring his words. Mr. Moran wanted to know if the strike would be against the Interborough or the Board of Estimate. Connolly said it wouldn't be against any individual

The others being stumped, Corpora-tion Counsel Burr took a hand. He tried to get Connolly to consent to call ianother meeting of the brotherhood if Mr. Hedley requested it. Connolly at first said he would do so. Mr. Hedley the Mayor got him to stand up and make it formally to Connolly, both men stand-ing at the rail of the Board of Estimate table. He asked Connolly to call a meeting of all Interborough employees so public officials could discuss with them the question of averting a strike.
"I'd be glad to call the meeting," said Connolly, "but I warn you that the moment you go into the half the railroads will stop and we'll have to hire automobiles to take you downtown. I have tried to keep this strike off, but have been overruled. I told the men not to take the business men downtown on a business day and leave them there and the only thing I could get from them was that they would strike on Sunday morning if their demands were not met."

"Then Bang-the Crash Comes." The Mayor tried to say something, but

Connolly shouted, "Are you interrupting me, Mr. Mayor? Can't I finish this sub-ject?"
"Will you call such a meeting?" the

Mayor rejoined.
"Yea, sir," Connolly said, "if I can call it before 4 o'clock. But the more of this co-Estimate. General Manager Hedley and call it before 4 o'clock. But the men others a chance to appeal for arbitration.

"Absolutely no chance."

"You don't mean that you are going the minute you try to address them—
to do this thing and allenate public sympathy?" put in the other Connolly, the
Gueens Borough President.

"The conferees at the big semi-circular table looked at one another, thinking "how on earth can we make any head-way with this man Connolly?" The imthe increase by 4 o'clock Sunday morning we'll stop the line running. We've heen trying for two years. The Inter-brough told us they had no money. The city officials turned as down?

them what they asked.
"And if the road was taking in enough money you would still say the demands

was not taking in enough money to give

'I have done all I could to prepare for know that minety-five per cent, of the metormen are in the brotherhood and 100 per cent, of the switchmen and in-terlocking car men. It is clear to me that if there is a strike there will look be any operation. If they go on strike at 4 o'clock to-morrow morning I know ties?"

Mr. Hedley, keeping his temper Mr. Hedley, keeping his temper

Mr. Hedley said the strike was like a flash out of a clear sky to him. James L. Quackenbush, the Interborough attorney, supplemented this by saying that until this moment they had not been in-formed that the strike would be called

there was any possible chance of averting the sirike without more pay. He stressed again his assertion that the men had been rebuiled when they tried to lay their case before the city authorities.

"The Mayor is willing, I think," resumed the District Attorney, "to help sured the could not get the money. I offered them all of our funds. I have gone over the figures of the company closely and am prepared to state that with this increase. you in the proper way, but he can't do in wages of 10 per cent. the company it overnight. He wants to have another will be at least \$5,000,000 short, and we won't be gble to keep the Sheriff away from the door. I will be delighted to have an opportunity to show any public officer these figures and swear to their

"How do you account for Mr. Shonts's statement last year?" asked Borough

President Connolly.

Mr. Hedley said that this favorable statement was estimated on future probabilities which had not been realized. "The bonds were sold on that representation, weren't they?" prodded the Mayor. Mr. Hedley said they were sold the same as Government and State bonds on the market.

The Mayor and other members of the bonds on the market.

board subjected the general manager to a financial inquisition designed to ascer-tain what had become of the \$18,000,000 surplus that existed last year, according to Mr. Shonts's figures of that time.

Mr. Hedley said \$5,000,000 of it had been lent to the Queens street rallways which were in such a state that he wished the Interborough could get rid of

them for "about one dollar." Connolly Refuses to Issue Call. How Connolly Forced the Issue.

The Mayor rasped: "You know better The colloquy swerving back to the than that. The record will show that strike, the Mayor asked Mr. Hedley to you were treated with every possible ask Brotherhood Leader Connolly to call

went on. "Now tell us plainly what the members of the Board of Estimate can do."

He paused for a reply, which came from Connolly:

"I don't know what you can do. I am here to tell you that if we do not get the 50 per cent, increase and get an were engaged in trying to prove "that

The former said he certainly would take legal precautions to prevent a viglation of the agreement between the company and the men, and added:

and the men, and added:
"If there was ever anything in the
world that we would not go through
with it is the strike experience of three
years ago. We had always supposed,
up to this minute, that we were in complete agreement with all of our brotherhood wan, that any differences that plete agreement with all of our prother-hood men, that any differences that arose between us would be submitted to arbitration and that the strike would rever be used as a weapon to enforce their demands. If there is any way to prevent it through the courts I certainly shall do what I can."

Would Avoid Receivership.

As to Interborough finances, Mr Quackenbush gave his word of honor that the company could not grant an increase of more than 10 per cent. and that he had told the men not to lose the respect of the public and to do nothing without consultation. He in-sisted he wanted to do everything to avoid a receivership. A reference to Mr. Shonts gave the Mayor an opening to say that whenever the Interborough president visited his office he, the

committee with their decision as to an-other big meeting in advance of any strike brought the debaters back to with their decision as to an brase tacks.
"We have decided," said Connolly

"that we will absolutely refuse to any demands from you gentlemen other than a 50 per cent. Increase as we have requested. If we don't get that, we strike at 4 o'clock Sunday morning." to all employees a request to remain on the job until the city and Interborough officers had an opportunity to talk with them. Mr. Hedley said he'd be delighted.

City Operation Is Suggested. The Mayor, who had been thinking

"You say you are not making any coney. Will you turn the subways over "Mr. Mayor, the city owns the sub ways now." Hedley answered smiling.
"Answer the question fully an
frankly and look me in the eye whe you answer," commanded Mayor Hylan. Mr. Hedley said he could not give away other people's property if he wanted to. "You say you are not making any money," the Mayor pursued. "Why do you want to hold on to a bad bargain?"

"God knows I don't want to hold to anything. I am only a part of the show, Mr. Mayor." The Mayor then suggested that Mr. Hedley go to the directors and tell them the best thing to do was to turn the subways back and let the city operate "Why don't you do that?" he in-

said Hedley. The Mayor then got after the general manager about his salary, which, in his various capacities, amounts to \$50,000 a year and which, Mr. Hed-ley conceded, was not half as much as

Meanwhile the brotherhood committe terlocking car men. It is clear to me per cent, increase had been demanded that if there is a strike there will not But the Mayor continued: "How much are you getting on bonuses and royal-

hand, replied that royalties on his in ventions, used all over the world, brought about \$40,000 a year. It was now \$:10 o'clock and no one

was paying any attention to the brother-hood representatives, who were grouped outside the rall. Connolly stepped over to Quackenbush and reminded him that were restless and irritated and Connolly

in sympathy with what, the Mayor said, Hedley wanted to have happen—"to have them go out so you can force the people to give you an increase.

At that the brotherhood men stamped out. Their exodus created such a stir that the Mayor rapped with his gavel

and police attendants went about telling folks to keep quiet. In the further conversation Quackenbush said that by a pian he had in mind the Interborough could have got \$15,-000.000 to keep it going by persuading stockholders to give up something who had benefited by the 20 per cent divi-dends of the past. But on top of this load, he said, the men proposed to pile was "a crushing blow."

"The action of these men," the lawyer

added, "in putting a \$19,060,090 annual increase on the road for the next five years destroys all prospects of what I have been undertaking to accomplish."

Plea Made for 8 Cent Fare. Mr. Quackenbush then made a plea for "Are you not wasting time?" observed a Mayor. "Should you not be on your ayor. "Should you not be on your looking up the law?"

answer to that effect by 4 o'clock this answer to that effect by 4 o'clock this a new afternoon we stop the wheels at 4 o'clock the was."

Messrs. Quackenbush and Burr out out out out out of the averred that they had not known of the Mayor's assistance by saying that the Mayor's remark was made as a suggestion toward averting the strike and not the toward averting th

POLICE ANNOUNCE BUS LINE ROUTES

B. R. T. Broadway Subway to 59th Street Will Be Open.

That part of the travelling public that is unable to ride in its own vehicles, and is indisposed to walk, will find open to it to-day in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx the following transit routes:
The New York Railways Company, known as the Green Car line, which is affiliated with the Interborough, and which may also shut down on short

The Union Railway Company, known

which extends to Fifty-ninth street. According to announcement by Chief Inspector of Police Murphy the follow-

1. Leaving Bowling Green and Broadway, via Broadway, to 135th street.

2. Leaving same point, Broadway to first time the complete shutting down of Franklin, to Varick, to Seventh avenue.

Its subway and elevated transportation to Fifty-ninth street.
3. Leaving Chambers and Hudson streets, Hudson street to Eighth avenue,

to 155th street.

avenue, via Fourth avenue (Park avenue), to Ninety-sixth street, to Madi son avenue, to 135th street.
7. Leaving Duane and Lafayette streets, via Lafayette street, to Eighth street, to Sixth avenue, to Greenwich avenue, to Seventh avenue, to Thirty-first street, to Eighth avenue, to Colum-

Leaving West and Spring streets, via Spring street, to Bowery, to De-lancey street, to Clinton street. Leaving Defancey and Clinton treets, via Clinton street, to Houston treet, to Avenue A, to Fourteenth street, to West street, to Twenty-third

treet ferry.

10. Leaving First avenue and Thirtyfourth street, to Tenth avenue, to Forty-second street, to West Shore ferry. 11. Leaving West Shore ferry, to Forty-second street, to Lexington ave-nue, to Fifty-minth street, to Manhattan

and Queensboro bridges.

Operation of extra trains in the Mc-Adoo tunnels during the Interborough ounced that it would rearrange sched

ules to accommodate the rush hour crowds, although its buses will not extend their sone of operations. Steamboat companies reported that they were arranging to run special boats from uptown piers to the Battery pend-

COUNSEL FOR UNION APPEALS TO COURT Alleges Hedges Discharged Men at Brotherhood Behest.

In a letter which was delivered to Federal Judge Mayer, Louis Fridiger, counsel for the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Em-ployees, charged the New York Rail-ways Company with violation of an agreement made with the court in discharging seventy-five men who enrolled with the association. He asked that the Judge direct Job E. Hedges, receiver

to reinstate the men at once. The men were discharged upon the demand of the brotherhoods, which in-sisted that none of their members have anything to do with the Amaigamated Association.
Mr. Fridiger complained that men

seeking to attend the meetings of the

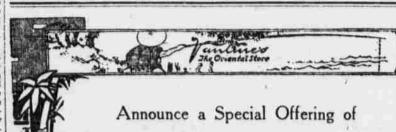
Amalgamated Association in Lyceum Hall were stopped by inspectors of the Interborough and New York Railways, who took their badge numbers and re-ported them for dismissal. CURRENT FOR B. R. T.

STRIKE MAY CUT OFF

Operation of Lines in Manhattan Menaced by Walkout.

Fearing that the Interborough strike may spread to the power houses, officials of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company were greatly agitated last night over the possibility of their own Manhattan sub-way system being shut down. This system, above Canal street, operates on ay looking up the law?"

"If I am wasting my time answering Rapid Transit Company.



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Frank Hedley, operating chief of the as the Red Car line, which is indepen-dent of the Interborough, employees of which have not threatened to strike yet, aystem, said last night at the Interborobut may do so.

The only means of underground ough office at 165 Broadway that he last year.

Travel is afforded by the Brooklyn saw no chance that the strike might be "The 40 per cent. additional would read that its consequences were about \$5,000,000 a year more about \$5,000,000 a year more officed to arbitrate this difference. such as to be appalling. He said that 95 per cent of all Interborough em-Inspector of Police Murphy the following bus lines will be supplied with as ployees are members of the brotherhood. In Jeaving Bowling Green and Broad
I. Leaving Bowling Green and Broadwould stick by the sompany and that would stick by the company and that Manhattan probably will see for the first time the complete shutting down of

"If our motormen, our switchmen and our signal men quit," he said, "what chance is there to do much? They are to 155th street.

4. Leaving Bowling Green and Broadway, Broadway to Park Row, to the Bowery, to Delancey street, to the Manhattan entrance to the Williamsburg Bridge.

5. Leaving Manhattan entrance to the Williamsburg Bridge via Delancey street, to Kenmare street, to Lafayette street, to Fourth avenue, to Fourteenth street, to Sixth avenue, to Fifty-ninth street.

There is going to be more or less dan-ger. The police have a substantial duty to perform. It is ridiculous to talk about a conspiracy to cause a strike. I 5. Leaving Eighth street and Fourth am the last man on God's green eart to conspire to interfere with the opera-tion of this property. No one under-stands better than I the serioueness of

May Affect Surface Lines.

Mr. Hedley said he could not predic what the effect of a strike would be on the green car lines of the New York Railways Company, which has no power houses. He said that if enough men could be retained to operate the power could be retained to operate the power houses the surface cars might be kept in operation. The same applied to the Queens surface lines, which get their power from the Interborough, he said.

He gave out a copy of the little. He gave out a copy of the letter he sent to the men of the brotherhood in accordance with his promise to the Mayor at the City Hall meeting. It

"Notice and urgent appeal to the mem-bers of the Brotherhood of Inter-borough Rapid Transit Company employees: "Referring to the meeting held befor

the Board of Estimate and Apportion

ment this afternoon, I earnestly request you men not to leave your positions. This afternoon his Honor the Mayor asked me to make this request, and his words were as follows: "You have a list of all the members of the employees of your company. Will you send a letter out to them asking hem to remain in their posts and re main on the job until such time as you are able to call them together so that city officials and Interborough

nunication?

your posts and performing your work until such time as it is possible for a meeting to be arranged whereby the city officers and the officers of the In-TO REMAIN ON DUTY terborough Rapid Transit Company may have full opportunity to discuss this matter? I again earnestly urge you not

to leave your positions.
"FRANK HEDLEY,
"Vice-President and General Manager."

Reasons Given for Strike.

The Interborough company gave out a statement last night explaining the causes of the strike. It follows:

"No question of unionism is involved. The men have been recognized in every way and this crisis follows long continued negotiations with representatives of the employees. The issue is a clearout demand on the part of the employees for an increase of 50 per cent. In their wages. A few days ego an additional 10 per cent. increase in wages was authorized by the company, but now the employees demand 40 per cent. more

"The proposed 10 per cent, would require about \$2,000,000 cash a year and would exhaust the cash resources of the company between now and January 1. Its borrowing capacity was exhausted

last year.
"The 40 per cent. additional would re have offered to arbitrate this difference between 10 per cent, and 50 per cent

wages awarded.

"This company is paying no dividends on its stock. Even at the existing wage scale the company is not earning the interest on its 5 per cent. bonds, and for the year ending June 10, 1919, failed to earn that interest by \$4,000,000."

Borough President Connolly of Queens replied sharply yesterday to the demand of the technical men employed by the borough for a \$500 salary increase. He the demand were granted it would the borough \$174,000 additional. P dent Connolly said the technical men were few in comparison to the other city employees and there is no reason why

they should receive preference over any



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